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a chapter on "Naturalness and Heightened Effects," and another on "Economy and Retention of Interest." None of these has peculiar value. It is pleasant, however, occasionally to run upon sentences that suggest the author's intimacy with the stage. His brief remarks about the value of music, of noise and commotion—matters never well treated—make one feel that he has made the mistake of choosing his neighbor's field in which to do his plowing. His own ground has a virgin richness ready for tilling. We have not yet, for instance, a worthy discussion of acting.

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Elements of General Science. By Otis W. Caldwell, Head of the Department of Natural Science, and William Lewis Eikenberry, Instructor in the University High School, School of Education, University of Chicago. Boston: Ginn & Co., 1914. Pp. xix+308, illustrated, \$1.00.

The foregoing book, which is an outgrowth of the experience during a period of six years with boys and girls in the first year of the high school, is a real contribution of the problem of general science teaching, at the present time—justly so—strongly advocated. The book is thoroughly teachable. For the young and inexperienced science teacher it is a guide which can be followed safely. For the experienced and resourceful teacher it is a suggestive outline open to modifications dictated by local conditions. The subject-matter is well selected, and the aim of the authors to unify such heterogeneous material as is offered by the various sciences and to establish coherence and progression in the various parts is successfully carried out. The final and culminating chapter enables the young student to understand his place in nature and shows him how self-education leads to the improvement of the race.

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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL LACROSSE, WISCONSIN

School Costs and School Accounting. By J. Howard Hutchinson. Teachers College, Columbia University, Contributions to Education, No. 62. New York: Teachers College, 1914.

The study is divided into three parts. Part I, after indicating briefly the purposes of school accounting in general, presents an investigation into the methods employed by twenty city-school systems in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey. The investigation shows that in no city are the accounts handled in a way that will permit the determination of unit costs for the different kinds of services. This indicates that educational accounting, even in some of the most progressive eastern cities, is yet in a rather rudimentary state of development. The author points out the various defects in the accounting systems which prevent the use of the figures there given